

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1 and 2 (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended): Composition according to Claim ~~[[2]]~~ 41, wherein said nanolatex has a solids content from 10% to 50% by weight.

4. (Currently Amended): Composition according to Claim ~~[[21]]~~ 41, which is in the form

- * ~~of a solid or of a~~ concentrated aqueous dispersion, placed in contact with the fabrics to be treated, after dilution in water; and comprising:
- * ~~of a~~ concentrated dispersion placed beforehand on the dry fabrics to be treated before dilution in water;
- * ~~of an aqueous dispersion to be placed directly on the dry fabrics to be treated without dilution or of a solid support comprising the nanoparticles or the nanolatex~~ said fabric treating composition, to be applied directly to the dry fabrics to be treated; or
- * ~~of an insoluble solid support comprising the said particles or the said nanolatex~~ fabric treating composition placed directly in contact with the wet fabrics to be treated.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently Amended): Composition according to Claim ~~[[21]]~~ 41, wherein said composition is

- a solid or liquid detergent formulation comprising from 0.05% to 5% of the said nanoparticles or of the said nanolatex, expressed as dry weight, capable of directly forming a washing bath by dilution;

- a liquid rinsing and/or softening formulation comprising from 0.05% to 3% of the said nanoparticles or of the said nanolatex, expressed as dry weight, capable of directly forming a rinsing and/or softening bath by dilution;

- a solid textile material comprising from 0.05% to 10% of the said nanoparticles or of the said nanolatex, expressed as dry weight, which is to be placed in contact with wet fabrics in a tumble dryer;

- an aqueous ironing formulation comprising from 0.05% to 10% of the said nanoparticles or of the said nanolatex, expressed as dry weight;

- a washing additive comprising from 0.05% to 10% of the said nanoparticles or of the said nanolatex, expressed as dry weight, to be placed on the dry fabrics prior to a washing operation using a detergent formulation containing or not containing the said particles or the said nanolatex.

Claims 7 - 14(Canceled)

15. (Currently Amended): Composition according to Claim ~~[[21]]~~ 41, wherein the choice and the relative amounts of the monomer(s) from which the units(s) of the polymer are derived are such that the said polymer has a glass transition temperature T_g from -40°C to 150°C , and remains insoluble under the working conditions of the composition.

Claims 16-21 (Canceled)

22. (Currently Amended): Composition according to Claim ~~[[21]]~~ 41, wherein said composition is a tumble dryer additive or an aqueous ironing formulation when the molar ratio of the cationic charges to the anionic charges ranges from 1/99 to 80/20.

23. (Currently Amended): Composition according to Claim ~~[[21]]~~ 41, wherein said composition is a detergent formulation, a prespotter, a tumble dryer additive or an aqueous ironing formulation, and the molar ratio of the cationic charges to the anionic charges ranges from 1/99 to 60/40.

Claims 24-28 (Canceled)

29. (Currently Amended): Process for imparting crease-resistance or facilitating ironing of fabrics comprising treating said fabrics in an aqueous or wet medium with the composition of Claim ~~[[21]]~~ 41.

Claims 30 - 32 (Canceled)

33. (Currently Amended): The composition according to Claim ~~[[2]]~~ 41, wherein the mean particle size of the polymer is from 20 to 300 nm.

34. (Currently Amended): The composition according to Claim ~~[[2]]~~ 41, wherein the mean particle size of the polymer is from 20 to 100 nm.

35. (Currently Amended): The composition according to Claim ~~[[2]]~~ 41, wherein the mean particle size of the polymer is from 20 to 50 nm.

36. (Previously Presented): The composition according to Claim 3, wherein said nanolatex has a solids content of 20% to 40% by weight.

Claims 37-39 (Canceled)

40. (Currently Amended): The composition according to Claim ~~[[2]]~~ 41, wherein the polymer (P3) comprises not more than 10% by weight of amphoteric hydrophilic monomer units (F2).

41. (New): A fabric treating composition in the form of a solid or concentrated aqueous dispersion which comprises:

(A) from 0.05% to 10% by weight of nanoparticles or at least one nanolatex of at least one addition polymer (P3) which is insoluble under the working conditions of said composition in an aqueous or wet medium, said addition polymer (P3) containing amphoteric units, and comprising:

(1) at least 70% of the total mass of said polymer of hydrophobic monomer units (N) derived from vinylaromatic monomers, alkyl esters of α - β monoethylenically unsaturated acids, vinyl or allylic esters of saturated carboxylic acids, or α - β monoethylenically unsaturated nitriles;

(2) at least 0.1% and not more than 20% of the total mass of said polymer of amphoteric hydrophilic monomer units (F2) derived from N,N-dimethyl-N-

methacryloyloxyethyl- N- (3-sulphopropyl) ammonium sulphobetaine, N,N-dimethyl-N- (2-methacrylamidoethyl) -N- (3-sulphopropyl) ammonium betaine, 1-vinyl-3- (3-sulphopropyl) imidazolidium betaine, 1- (3-sulphopropyl) -2-vinylpyridinium betaine, or derivatives of the quaternization reaction of N-(dialkylamino- ω -alkyl) amides of α - β ethylenically unsaturated carboxylic acids or α - β monoethylenically unsaturated amino esters, with a chloroacetate of an alkali metal or with propane sultone;

(3) optionally, uncharged or non-ionizable hydrophilic monomer units (F4) derived from hydroxyalkyl esters of α - β monoethylenically unsaturated acid amides, α - β monoethylenically unsaturated acid amides, α - β ethylenically unsaturated monomers bearing a water-soluble polyoxyalkylenated segment, α - β monoethylenically unsaturated monomers that are precursors of vinyl alcohol units or of polyvinyl alcohol segments by polymerization and then hydrolysis, or methacrylamidoethyl-2-imidazolidinone;

(4) optionally, cationic or cationizable hydrophilic monomer units (F1) derived from N,N- dialkylamino- ω -alkyl)amides of α - β monoethylenically unsaturated carboxylic acids, α - β monoethylenically unsaturated amino esters or monomers that are precursors of primary amine functions by hydrolysis; and

(5) optionally, at least one crosslinking unit (R) derived from divinylbenzene, ethylene glycol dimethacrylate, allyl methacrylate, methylenebis(acrylamide) or glyoxal bis (acrylamide);

(B) from about 3% to about 50% by weight of at least one anionic, cationic, nonionic and/or amphoteric surfactant; and

(C) optionally, other detergent adjuvants;

the combination of hydrophilic monomer units representing at least 1% of the weight of the polymer (P3), the molar ratio of cationic charges to anionic charges ranging from 1/99

to 80/20, said nanoparticles or the said nanolatex have a mean particle size of polymer of from 10 to 500 nm; and the addition polymer (P3) being present in an amount sufficient to impart crease-resistant, softening or pre-spotting characteristics to the fabric treating composition.